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1. The following air activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield between 14 and 26 December 1953:
- 14 December. Between 5:30 p.m. and 11:40 p.m., night flights were made by swept-back jet fighters which remained aloft for about 10 minutes.
- 16 December. Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., a B-2 was observed aloft and individual aircraft practiced flying for about 5 minutes duration. There was a 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 900 meters and visibility of about 5 km. The aircraft took off and landed from west to east.
- 17 December. After 8 a.m., local individual flying was practiced by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s for about 5 minutes duration. There was a 4/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,200 meters and visibility of about 5 km. Local individual flights were again made between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. 25X1
- 18 December. Local flights were made by swept-back jet fighters after 10 a.m. During the morning, two Yak-11s were observed aloft.
- 20 December. No air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and snowfall.
- 21 to 23 December. No flights were made. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of about 500 meters and visibility of 1 km.
- 25 December. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. The ceiling was closed at an altitude of 500 meters and visibility was poor.
- 26 December. Some individual take-offs were made throughout the day. The aircraft headed northwest at altitudes from 200 to 400 meters and returned to the field after about 10 minutes. There was a 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 600 meters.
2. Between 20 and 24 December, no air activity was observed at the field. The sky was almost overcast and there were intermittent snow showers and fog. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 25 December, aircraft were observed aloft. Visibility was limited to 1 km and the cloud base was at an altitude of 400 meters. Between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 26 December, air activity was conducted. The cloud base was at an altitude of 400 to 600 meters. The Soviet Air Force soldiers apparently had no town leave during the Christmas holidays.

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 Comment. Grossenhain airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments equipped with a total of about 60 MiG-15s. Of